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- 1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM COMPREHENSIVE MEMCON EMBASSY IS PREPARING ON NYE TALKS AT MFA. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS FOR THE REPORCESSING PLANT, MUNIR KHAN REPLIED, "...THE EQUIPMENT ARE LONG DELIVERY ITEMS. DELIVERY TAKES SIX TO 24 MONTHS AFTER ORDERING. IT IS THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO SAY WHAT WE EXPECT OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.
- 2. "THERE REMAINS VERY LITTLE TO BE DELIVERED AS FAR AS TECHNOLOGY IS CONCERNED. THE DESIGN OF THE PLANT IS ALREADY COMPLETED. FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IS OVER, AND WAS EVEN OVER BEFORE THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT WAS PASSED. OUR AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE DATED FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1973 AND DE FACTO TECHNICAL TRANSFERS TOOK PLACE IN JULY, 1974."
- 3. IT WOULD SEEM FROM CONTEXT OF CONVERSATION THAT KHAN DID MEAN TO SAY 1974 RPT 1974. WE REALIZE THIS SETS AN EARLIER DATE FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THAN WE HAD EARLIER ASSUMED, AND IF KHAN MERELY WANTED TO SHOW THAT THE TRANSFERS TOOK PLACE BEFORE SYMINGTON HE COULD HAVE CHOSEN A LATEGIDATE. CENTRAL CONFIDENTIAL

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POINT OF HIS PRESENTATION WAS THAT ESSENTIALLY ALL TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED. IT IS, OF COURSE, FAR FROM CLEAR WHAT MUNIR KHAN MEANT BY "TECHNOLOGY" AS HE SOUGHT TO MAKE CASE THAT SYMINGTON AMENDMENT DID NOT APPLY. HE COULD HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO MORE GENERALIZED BUILDING DRAWINGS AND NOT TO DETAILED PLANS AND SPECS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IF GOP WERE TO TRY TO CONSTRUCT PLANT ON THEIR OWN.

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